

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MARCH 5, 2012

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

BUDGETS

The Commissioner discussed some budget issues.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

GENERATORS

Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the bill for the last two generators. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Francis made a motion to certify there are no covered bridges in Miami County. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CIRCUS CITY FESTIVAL REQUEST

The Board received a request from the Circus City Festival to use the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse, the County parking lot for rides, Court Street for rides and/or booths, the Courthouse lawn and to have a key to the building in case of bad weather. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow all with the exception of the key. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. After some discussion, the motion and the 2nd were withdrawn and the matter was tabled until next week.

LAKE CITY BANK

The Board received a letter from Lake City Bank, holder of the jail bonds, wanting to certify that the proper insurance and that it is an exempt property with no taxes due. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer fill and sign the form. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SOFTWARE UPDATE

The Auditor informed the Board that there are documents from the State that cannot be opened because of needed software updates. The Auditor will pay for the updates out of the Plat Book fund. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

BUILDINGS IN MACY AND MEXICO

Tammy Gamble, Planning and Zoning, informed the Board that it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to tear down the buildings if they are not safe. Bill Gornto, Building Inspector, told the Board that he could send the owners a letter and give them 10 days to respond. If they choose not to take care of the problem, the County can tear them down and put a lien on all properties owned by the owner of the property being torn down. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow Mr. Gornto to send the letters to the owners of those properties.

There was a question regarding Ms. Gamble's position and Commissioner Francis stated that is the same as it was at this time.

FRAMES FOR EVACUATION PLANS

Ken Scott informed the Board that he could get frames for the evacuation plans from Dollar General for \$2 a piece but we don't have charge there so he would need a check today, otherwise he could charge them at K-Mart but it would cost more. Commissioner

Francis made a motion to write a check for \$80 out of Cum Courthouse today to purchase the frames. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

NEW LIFE INSURANCE

Mary Milroy, Chief Deputy Auditor, brought the contract for the new life insurance to be signed. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the contract. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Ms. Milroy informed the Board that the representatives from the new life insurance company will be here this Friday and all employees will have to fill out a new form.

Chairman Boyer asked Ms. Milroy to check on what kind of savings we could see by changing the deductible. Ms. Milroy said she would get the information.

IT

John Powell, IT Director, brought a quote from Dell to increase the memory on one of the servers. Two servers need increased memory and the Utility Company will pay for the increase on the other server. Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay for the memory increase out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MUSEUM

Gary Hawley, Historical Society, addressed the Board regarding the budget for the Museum. He was under the impression that if they cut the \$30,000 from their budget, they might be able to keep the employees at full time.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow the Museum make the \$30,000 cut where they see fit.

Commissioner Francis stated he did not want to cut staff but knew that insurance was a big issue for the Commissioners budget and the Board has to look at what is essential to the running of the County. Therefore, he felt like he could not 2nd the motion. Motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Mr. Hawley stated with all due respect, he still does not understand why no one came and talked with them. Commissioner Francis stated that the Museum could have come to the talk to the Board as well, should the Commissioners have talked to them, yes, but the Museum could have come to them.

Mr. Hawley stated that he hated to cut a 22 year and 18 year employee to part time and would like to have a couple if months to work it out. Commissioner Francis said the County does not have a couple of months.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, told the Board he needs to advertise for spring bids. He would like to have acceptance of the bids set for March 26th and awarding of the bids set for April 2nd. Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the dates as recommended by Mr. Waltz. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RECORDER'S OFFICE

Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow the request made by the Recorder to close her office the afternoon of March 14th due to having to update the software. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney, cited I.C. codes outlining the responsibilities of the Board of Commissioners in regards to the budget process.

PLANNING & ZONING

The Board discussed the salaries for these two positions. Their recommendation is \$28,000 for the Building Commissioner and \$26,006 for the Zoning Administrator.

SHERIFF

The spoke to the Board about the contract for Liberman Technologies (company that does the Sheriff Sales) and the increase in revenue it would bring. Commissioner Faust made a motion to table until next week. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley